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Robert Phillips  
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August 24, 2000  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	) Group Art Unit: 1743
Edward L. Carver, Jr. and	)
Steven J. Skiptunas	)
	)
on	) Examiner: L. Alexander
<b>APPARATUS AND METHOD</b>	)
<b>FOR MIXING FLUIDS FOR</b>	)
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	)
	)
Application Serial No. 09/198,004	)
	)
Filed on November 23, 1998	) (Docket No. 116310.0032)

**Hartford, Connecticut, 24 August, 2000**

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(1)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2000, thereby extending the period for response from July 24, 2000 to August 24, 2000. A check in the amount of \$55.00 to cover the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a) is enclosed herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,

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